



The Method, Orders, and Rules,

Constituted and Appointed by the Society of the Gouvernor and Assistants, London, of the New Plantation in Ulster, in the Realm of Ireland, for the better preservation and management of their Woods for the future.

I. **T**HAT from henceforth all the Woods in *Salters Range*, and the Parishes of *Artra*, *Desertlin*, *Lisson*, *Arboe*, and *Derreloran*, shall be called and known by the Name of the Upper Range; and that *Balliaghy Range*, and the Woods in the Parishes of *Desertmartin*, *Kilcrennahan*, *Ballinascreene*, *Killilaugh*, and *Maghara*, shall be called and known by the Name of the Lower Range.

II. That a fit and experienc'd Person be chosen for Overseer of each Range during the Pleasure of the Society, the said Overseers to execute all Orders, and to follow all such Instructions, as shall from time to time be given them in charge by the Society. The Overseer of the Upper Range to be allowed for his Sallary *per Annum*. And the Overseer of the Lower Range *per Annum*, they both giving good security, for their faithful performance, to the satisfaction of the Society.

III. That Wood Bayliffs for the Upper Range, and Wood Bayliffs for the Lower Range be chosen during the Pleasure of the Society, to execute all Orders, and to follow all such Instructions as shall from time to time be given them in charge by the Society or Overseers of the Ranges, and each to be allowed *per Annum* for their Sallary, as also the Moiety in value of the settled Rates for all Seizures they shall make or discover at their own Charge and Prosecution; the said Bayliffs giving good security for their faithful performance to the satisfaction of the Society.

IV. That one half of the Value for all Seizures shall be allowed to all other Persons that shall make any Discoveries and Prosecutions at their own Charge as aforesaid.

V. That in the Vintners Proportion at or upon the Land of *Balliaghy*, the Wood-yard shall be continued and kept stored for the Supply of the several Corporations, and all other Inhabitants of the Plantation, and other necessary uses of the Kingdom; as also for the Fishings with all sorts of Timber, Cask, and other Wood-work.

VI. That some Person in or near *London-Derry* shall be appointed by the Society, or their general Agent or Overseers (with their Approbation) to take care of such Wood-work as shall be sent thither from time to time, for the necessary uses of the Plantation, which Person shall be allowed for his Pains.

VII. That the Wood-yard in or near *Colrain* be continued.

VIII. That fitting and experienced Persons be chosen for Keepers of the aforesaid Wood-yards during the Pleasure of the Society, to be accomptable for all Stores taken in, and delivered out, and for what shall be remaining every Year any time in the Month of *March* or Lent Assizes, before any new Stores shall be brought in; and to execute all Orders, and to follow all such Instructions as shall from time to time be given them in Charge by the Society, and each to be allowed *per Annum* for yearly Sallary, giving good security for their faithful performance to the satisfaction of the Society.

IX. That all Tenants and other Inhabitants of the Plantation shall be furnished from the respective Wood-yards, and not otherwise, and that security by Bond to the use of the Society be given to the Wood-yard Keepers, not to Transport or Merchandise out of the Kingdom any Timber, Staves, Planks, Boards, or other Wood-work whatsoever; but what shall be in Cask filled with Fish, Beef, Tallow, Butter, or other proceed of the growth of the Country.

X. That the Rates to be paid for all sorts of Timber, Staves, and all other sorts of Wood-work, as also for Bark, shall be settled and published by the general Agent or Overseers by order of the Society, every year in the Month of *March* or Lent Assizes, and that no other Prizes shall be demanded or taken by any of the Wood-yard Keepers for the year the next ensuing, under the Penalty of double the value of what he shall so sell or deliver.

XI. That all Tanners inhabiting within the County of *London-Derry*, who shall on or before the second Week in *February*, give notice to the Overseers of the Respective Ranges, what Quantities they shall have use of, shall be supplied with Bark out of the Societies Woods, they conforming to the Rules of the Society, given to their general Agent from time to time in this Particular.

XII. That the Prizes for Workmanship of all sorts of Wood-work, to be made and provided for the several Wood-yards, shall be settled and agreed upon by the general Agent or Overseers, with such Workmen as shall be employed therein every year, by and with the Approbation of the Society, in the Month of *March* or Lent Assizes, and that no other Prizes shall be paid by the Wood-yard Keepers.

XIII. That the Overseers of the Ranges do yearly Contract with such as desire any Cordwood, or Charcoal, about the Feast Day of St. *John Baptist*, and return an Account of their Proceedings therein unto the Society, within one Month after such Contracts made, for their Approbation.

XIV. That some time within the Month of *March*, the Overseers of both Ranges, with the Keepers of the Wood-yards, shall meet to consider what Quantities of Timber, Staves, Board, Plank, Bark, or other Wood-work whatsoever, will be needful to be provided for the year ensuing for supply of the Corporations, and the rest of the Inhabitants of the Plantation, and for other necessary uses of the Kingdom; and that the Maior and Aldermen of each Corporation be advised withal, about supplying the respective Store-yards within the same; and that an Account of all that shall be agreed upon, be with all expedition dispatched to the Society for their Approbation.

XV. That all Workmen to be imployed, be enjoyned with all possible speed to fell, saw, square, and cleave all sorts of Timber, and to prepare all other Wood-work whatsoever, to be sent away whilst the ways are fit for Carriage, that so the Wood-yards may be constantly supplyed upon all occasions.

XVI. That no Timber, Staves, Board, Plank, or other Wood-work whatsoever, shall be carried from the Place where it is felled or wrought, to any Wood-yard, or other place whatsoever, in any part of the Plantation or Kingdom, without the Societies Let-Pass from the Overseers of the Ranges, and from no Wood-yard without a Let-Pass from the Wood-yard Keeper of such Wood-yard: And that Entries be made by the Overseers and Wood-yard Keepers respectively, in Books fairly written, of all Let-Passes, by them granted, to be sent over to the Society every three Months if required, or once a year at least.

XVII. That the Overseers, Wood-yard Keepers, Wood-Bayliffs, Workmen, and any other Inhabitants of the Plantation, may seize upon all Timber, Staves, Plank, Boards, Bark, or other Wood-work whatsoever, that shall be taken in any part of the Societies Woods or Plantation, without the Societies Let-Pass, and to have the Moiety in value of the settled Rates, for all such seizures as shall be so made and recovered by any of them at their own Charge and Prosecution.

XVIII. That at the end of every Year all Let-Passes remaining be returned to the Society, and new ones to be sent over by the Society for the Year ensuing, to prevent fraudulent Practice.

XIX. That the Overseers, with such Carpenters and Clefts-men as shall be thereunto required, together with the Wood-Bayliffs of both Ranges, and such of the chief Tenants or their Agents of the Woodland Proportions as shall be willing to give their Assistance and Advice, do sometime in the Month of *April*, when the Bark begins to run, take a view in what parts of the respective Ranges it may be most convenient to fell for that Season, and to mark out all such Trees as shall be fittest; Dotterells and decaying Trees to be felled in the first place; and no Trees under Five Foot Girt to be felled (except Dotterells and decaying Trees) and all Trees to be cut down as near the Root as may be.

XX. That immediately after the Bark is stript the Carpenters and Clefts-men are to meet, and with the Wood-Bayliffs, who are to be attending the Workmen during the Fall, to mark out the Timber to be disposed of for such Uses as they shall be most proper, either for Building, Cleft-Work, Planks, or other sort of Wood-work.

XXI. That the Keepers of the respective Wood-Yards may accommodate any Persons inhabiting nearer to the places where any Wood is cut down than to the Wood-Yards, with what Timber or Wood-work they may want, from the place where the Wood is fallen, and not necessitate them to have it from the Wood-Yards, Provided always the Parties take their Let-Passes from the Keepers of the Wood-Yards next adjacent, paying the Rates settled and published, reasonable Deduction for Carriage being made.

XXII. That all Hedge-boot, Plow-boot, Gate-Boot, or Fire-Boot to be spent upon the Premises shall be set out and appointed by the Wood-Bayliffs of the respective Ranges, with the Approbation of the Overseers in the most convenient places, as near the Habitations of their Tenants that shall require such Provision as may be.

XXIII. That the Overseers of both Ranges shall yearly meet sometime within the Month of *March*, in order to the Nomination of Carpenters, Clefts-men, Sawyers, and all other Workmen necessary to be employed in the Woods, for furnishing the several Wood-Yards, and providing and stripping of Bark, Cording of Wood, and preparing all sorts of Wood-work whatsoever requisite for the use of the several Tenants and Inhabitants of the Plantation, and for other necessary uses of the Kingdom; and that timely notice be given by the said Overseers to the Mayor of each Corporation; as also to the chief Tenants of the Woodded Proportions, or in their absence to their Agents, of the time and place of their Meeting for nomination of Workmen as aforesaid, to the end that the Persons aforesaid may assist in the naming of such Persons as they shall judge most diligent and fitting to be entrusted in the said Employment, and that shall give sufficient Security for their faithful performance and discharge of their respective Trusts, and for such Journey-men, Apprentices, and Labourers, as shall be employed under them, and that a speedy Return be made thereof by the General Agent, or Overseers to the Society, to make choice out of the Persons nominated, a sufficient number of each, for carrying on the Work for the Year ensuing; and that of all the Persons in Nomination notice be taken of the most diligent in their Employment, that they may be continued upon every new Choice, if the Society shall so think fit.

XXIV. That the chief Tenants of the Woodded Proportions shall have Authority to inspect and observe the Proceedings of the Wood-Bayliffs, and all Workmen, and to offer their Advice for the Preservation of the Woods, and of such Miscarriages as may happen, to give notice thereof to the Overseers of the Ranges, or the Society as they shall please.

LASTLY, That the Rules and Directions herein beforementioned be observed and continued, unless it shall be found necessary by the Society to alter the same. Dated at *Guild-Hall London* this 24th day of *April*, Anno Dom. 1690.